THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 29th March 1955.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, the Deputy Chairman (SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Number of thefts occurred in the South Arcot district.

* 266 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many thefts were reported to have occurred in South Arcot district talukwar during the years 1952–53 and 1953–54;

(*b*) how many of those cases have been detected;

(*c*) how many of them have been left undetected; and

(*d*) the value of the property involved in each theft?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) A statement [a] is placed the the table of the House."

Opening of high schools by local bodies.

* 267 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state the definite policy adopted by Government in the opening of high schools by local bodies?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The attention of the Member is invited to the question No. 124 answered on 15th February 1955."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" ஏற்கனவே ஒரு இடத்தில் மூன்று பாரங்களுடன் இடைநிலைப்பள்ளிகள் இருந்தால், அந்த இடத்தில் வேறு ஹைஸ்கூல் ஆறு பாரங்களுடன் ஏற்படுத்தவேண்டுமென்று, விண்ணப்பம் கொடுக்கப்பட்டால், அதற்கு இடம் கொடுப்பார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM ;— " இது அந்த இடத்தைப் பொறுத்திருக்கின்றது அந்த இடத்தில் ஒரு மிடில் ஸ்கூல், ஒரு ஹைஸ்கூல் ஏற்கனவே இருந்தாலும், மேலும் ஆறாவது பாரம்வரை ஒரு பள்ளிக்கூடம் ஏற்படுத்தவும் இடம் கொடுப்பார்கள். ஆகவே பொதுவாக ஒரு கேள்வி கேட்டால் பதில் சொல்வதற்கு முடியாது."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" ஏற்கனவே மானேஜ்மெண்டில் உள்ள பள்ளிக்கூடங்களில் ஆட்சேபணைகள் தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டால் சமாதானம் கொடுத்தபின்னர்தானே அனுமதி கொடுக்கப்படும் ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" இன்னொரு பள்ளிக்கூடத்தின் அபிப்பிராயத்தையும் கேட்கிறார்கள். ஆனால் அவர்களுடைய ஆட்சேபணைகள் சரியானதா என்பதையும் யோசித்துத் தான் செய்வார்கள்."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 804 infra

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Will the Government instruct the district boards not to open high schools before they are in a position to pay Government scales of pay to the teachers in elementary schools? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Even apart from that, they are in a bad way financially. So, they have been advised not to open new schools."

Mechanics' posts sanctioned for the Madras Government Press as on 1st November 1954.

* 268 *Q.* –SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of (1) general head mechanics, (2) senior mechanics, and (3) auxiliary mechanics' posts sanctioned for the Madras Government Press as on 1st November 1954 and their scales of pay; and

(*b*) whether there are any posts of mechanics for Lino and Mono departments sanctioned by the Government and if so, their number and scales of pay?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" As there is discrepancy with regard to the number of head Lino mechanics as stated in the answer and as shown in the Budget, may I request the Government to take up this matter with the Controller of Stationery and Printing with a view to ensure the proper allocation of the posts of head mechanics in the general and Lino departments? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I shall see if it can be done."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the Government examine how many lino-type machines are lying idle in the Press and see that suitable and adequate staff is posted to the Lino department with a view to ensure the satisfactory maintenance of these costly machines? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I shall take note of this fact."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" May I know whether these posts have been filled up or whether they are lying vacant and how many of them are vacant? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have no information on that point. A separate question may be given notice of."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 805 infra